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**NEWS SUMMARY:**

Two men have been charged with soliciting and accepting bribes while working as corrections officers for Milwaukee County, United States Attorney Steven Biskupic announced August 19, 2003.

The first officer, Joseph E. Bub (DOB: 7/27/73), who resides at 4610 N. Ironwood Lane, Glendale, allegedly took \$2,000 in exchange for converting an inmate from custody at the Community Correctional Center (CCC) to home confinement with electronic surveillance. Bub also allegedly took smaller sums of money to reveal the times that work release and electronic surveillance would be checked.

A second officer, Jason K. Lipski (DOB: 3/6/81) who resides at 10598 W. Cortez, Franklin, allegedly took \$100 a week from a prisoner to reveal when calls would be made to that prisoner's residence to verify that he was home when required to be while on electronic surveillance.

Both defendants face up to 10 years imprisonment and fines of \$250,000. The charges fall under federal law because the Milwaukee House of Corrections receives almost \$1 million a year in federal grants and contracts.

Biskupic also announced August 19, 2003, that both Bub and Lipski had signed plea agreements to plead guilty to the charges. No court dates have been set as yet and the two are not in custody. They both resigned from their positions in April of 2003.

The cases were investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in conjunction with the command staff of the Milwaukee County House of Correction. The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mel Johnson and Richard Frohling.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government established his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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